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TECHNOLOGY HOCKEY TEAM.

Back Row, left to right—A. A. Gould 1910, W. J. Kelley 1909, Manager, H. W. Paine 1909, R. H. Gould 1911.
Front Row—P. W. Taylor 1910, J. F. Davis 1909, W. D. Ford 1908, Captain, H. D. Billings 1910.

TECH TO PLAY GREEN TONIGHT.

SECOND GAME OF SEASON WITH DARTMOUTH.

Tech Will Put Up Hard Games. 1910 and 1911 To Play Also.

Dartmouth and Tech meet this evening in the second game of basket ball this season. Although the chances seem to favor the Hanover team it is said that the Tech team is in a position to put up a close game. In the first game the score was 37-21 in favor of the Green.

There will also be played a game between the freshman and sophomore teams and from the present indications it looks as though it would be not only a close but a thoroughly "rough and tumble" game.

FRESHMAN DRILL LAST FRIDAY.

New England Interscholastic Also To Be Given.

At a meeting of the freshman battalion Wednesday it was voted to have the annual prize drill on the last Friday evening of the term. The N. E. interscholastic drill, held under the auspices of Technology, will take place some time in April. Each school can enter three men. Cups will be awarded for individual supremacy, and team work.

The following were elected a committee of arrangements for the two events; Lieut. L. B. Weeks, 1st Sergt. C. S. Anderson and D. N. Frazier, Sergt. C. P. Kerr, L. C. Cooley, and G. A. Cowee.

ELECTRICALS HEAR TALKS.

Last Thursday evening a number of interesting talks were given by the members of the Electrical Engineering Society at the Union.

"Irrigation and the Application of Electricity to it," was the subject of a

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STUDENTS ABUSE A PRIVILEGE.

PROF. BATES CALLS ATTENTION TO THEFT OF BOOKS.

Lawlessness and Not Dishonesty the Cause.

The free admission of students to the shelves of the General Library is a privilege which is perhaps not fully appreciated by the students themselves, but which should still be recognized by proper behavior. The abuse of this privilege at present is a blot upon the school which should be re-ented and corrected. Something like two hundred volumes are at the present time missing from the shelves, and have been taken away without record. Sets are broken, books required for assigned readings are gone, and even some books of reference which are not allowed to leave the library are not to be found.

In the majority of cases I suppose that this disappearance of books has been due rather to lawlessness and thoughtlessness than to deliberate dishonesty. The number of students who would steal a book in cold blood cannot be large. A student begins to read a volume in the library, and then takes it home without signing a card for it. He is entirely aware that he is guilty of the dishonorable act of taking advantage of the trust which is reposed in him by his being admitted to the shelves, but of his honor he thinks less than of the slight trouble of obeying the regulations. He does not intend to be dishonest, but he has no scruple against being lawless. When he is done with the book he may return it, but in many cases he forgets the volume when he has ceased to use it. As he has left no record, he is not reminded, and he becomes involuntarily a thief because he indulged in what he considered a less offense. The exact difference morally between a man

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HOCKEY SEASON THE MOST SUCCESSFUL.

SIX OUT OF EIGHT GAMES WON.

Captain Ford and Manager Kelley Deserve Praise.

Hockey at the Institute this year has had a more successful season than it has ever had before. Not only in the point of actual scores but also in the interest aroused has the team scored a decided success. Six out of eight games played were won.

From the very first it was evident that the sport was being entered into in no uncertain manner. Great enthusiasm was shown and the number of men who came out was amply sufficient to warrant getting out a team. The athletic association was disposed to support the team and gave it some financial aid.

In the games that it has played the team has shown up extremely well. On the New York trip the squad met several teams from the larger colleges and acquitted itself undoubtedly with credit. The trip brought Tech to the notice of more distant neighbors in a very advantageous way.

The most notable victories scored by the team were those over Princeton and West Point. It is true that the former institution later defeated Tech but the addition of the scores of the two games would leave Tech ahead.

In the home games the results were also satisfactory, the team going through the season up to the time of the Yale game with a clear record of an unbroken string of victories. On the whole the work of the team has been rather remarkable and great credit is due to all the members.

Especially should the work of Captain Ford, who is responsible for much of the good showing made by the team, and the work of Manager Kelley, through whose efforts the New York trip was made possible, come in for their due share of the praise.

NOT ENOUGH MERELY TO LIVE.

"WE WANT TO LIVE WELL. TO LIVE USEFULLY."

Prof. Sedgwick Shows Place of Sanitary Science in 20th Century.

"The outlook for Biology and Sanitary Engineering in the Twentieth Century" was the subject of a deeply interesting talk Wednesday evening by Professor William T. Sedgwick, head of the biology course, before the newly formed Biological Society. The event was the second monthly dinner of the society at the Union.

A portion of his talk on the outlook for the biological and sanitary science in the coming century follows:

"In the slow development of biology and engineering we see another illustration of the homely saying that the shoemaker's children go long unshod.

"Man, a living thing and an animal, studies for centuries everything except biology and animal life. He studies the science of relation, the science of space, and the science of numbers; he studies the far-off heavens and eventually the earth under his feet, but he postpones until the last any thorough knowledge of himself and



PROF. WM. T. SEDGWICK.

his relations, the lower animals and plants.

"At last, however, he begins to study himself and the living world to which he belongs, and, having examined his structure and considered his origin, finally takes up the study of behavior.

"Among all the mighty achievements of the nineteenth century none compares for a moment with the triumphs of biology which in the course of the last century and for the first time in history discovered that man belongs not with the unknown gods but with the well known lower animals.

"Comparative anatomy brought forward unmistakable traces of his animal origin and embryology saw him developing from an egg, precisely as does the cat or dog, and thus forever fixed the problem of his origin as one with that of the lower animals.

"The nineteenth century also furnished to the world the first consistent and convincing theory of the origin of species, that is to say, of the various kinds of living things that cover the face of the earth today and have covered it ever since history began.

"This theory moreover not only made possible but inevitable the theory of general evolution to which the unknown or supernatural origin or species had been a stumbling block.

"Finally, the nineteenth century witnessed in biology an entirely new theory of the origin of disease, a theory even not yet wholly worked out.

"At the beginning of the twentieth century we have in our possession for

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AN EVER PRESENT QUESTION.

A matter open to continual discussion among students, their publications, the alumni, the Faculty, and the governing bodies of nearly every college or university in the country is undergraduate activities or enterprises. The undergraduates and, in great part, the alumni are for a wider and more diversified field in student activity, the Faculty seldom, however, recognizes these student enterprises, while the governing bodies apparently do not attempt to foster these activities.
Various attempts of solution of this problem have been tried in different institutions, one of the most fatal to the enterprises and unsuccessful in every way has been Faculty supervision. At the Institute the question of handling these activities has been worked out most successfully by leaving the government entirely in the hands of the students. The difficulty has been that the Faculty has been forced to recognize that such enterprises exist, has in most part favored such activities, but continues to increase the scholarship demands. The result is that, for the students who recognize the great good they can get out of these activities, it means hardship, increased expense, increased length of course and even the loss of a degree.
It is not often that this subject is taken up by men outside of college life, or by regular newspapers. A discussion of this was given in the Wednesday evening Boston Transcript in an editorial headed "Academic versus Non-Academic Interests" which shows clearly in just what light an editor, controlled by a fair-minded, conservative policy, regards this vital college question.
This editorial follows:
"A proper balance of college activities is a question that is attracting the attention and perhaps to some extent arousing the apprehension of those connected with our institutions for higher education. At the recent dinner of the Williams alumni of Boston, Professor Clarke, representing the college faculty, devoted to that question the burden of his remarks, though it was more a presentation of the facts for the consideration of the alumni and friends of the institution than an attempt to settle it even from the college point of view. There were the inside and outside interests, he said. The first were those that were familiar to parents and the public. They were those that the college presented as the general measure of its responsibility and effort and aimed to make a re-orientation demand upon the time and strength of the student.
"But the outside interests were also numerous and increasing. These, for the most part, were legitimate and worthy in themselves. They were literary, dramatic, artistic, musical, journalistic, athletic and so forth. He would not undertake to say whether these drew unduly upon the prescribed functions of the college. He presented the situation as he saw it and left the answer to his hearers. In the annual report of Dean Pendleton of Wellesley College, to the president of that institution, just made public, she asks: "Can the academic work compete successfully with the various non-academic interests which claim the attention of the college student?" Here are two colleges asking the same question at about the same time. That there are well defined doubts on the part of those most concerned, is probable, else it would not have been asked.
"The purposes of a college are, or should be, broadly educational, and if those "non-academic interests" have a tendency, as doubtless most of them do, to broaden education and develop character they should not merely be permitted but generously encouraged. Every college is a little cosmos. Within its limitations it is to be regarded and treated much as we treat the great world outside. Upon whom do we

most confidently depend for the success of new social, economic or philanthropic movements? Not to the men of narrow lives and limited horizons, but to the busiest men we know, the men that seem to have all they can attend to already. Wherever enthusiasm is enlisted a great deal can be accomplished with both pleasure and profit outside routine or perfunctory duties. The voluntary activities are frequently a healthy balance for those that are purely prescriptive. Certainly the affections of men for their colleges have their roots quite as deep in the interests they have helped to create as in those that they are simply required to maintain."

GRADUATE SPIRIT.

A most encouraging interest in track athletics was shown when a past manager of the Tech track team walked into Major Briggs' office and after talking over the conditions which prevail at present he indicated his desire to assist in any way he could. As he left he gave Major Briggs a contribution to help on the "good cause." This spirit is not only most commendable but at the same time is very encouraging to those now in charge of athletics at the Institute.

SHOW MEN PICKED.


Provisional Selection of Entire Cast.

The provisional cast for the Show is Mrs. Sealytle, C. H. White 1909, Helen Sealytle, R. C. Jacobs 1910, Mrs. Starling, K. D. Fernstrom 1910, Marjorie Starling, A. L. Moses 1909, Stella Starling, A. F. Herold 1909, Marietta Baldini, C. P. Palmer, 1909, Alf Higgins, E. R. Jackson 1910, Prof. Starling, K. R. Kennison 1909, Fred Willmerdine, M. B. Hall 1910, Bob Willmerdine, C. Field 1910, Dick Nordling, W. M. Schofield 1910, Capt. Shakewell, A. S. Court 1909, Gilligan, P. D. White 1911, Pruitt, H. H. Catching 1911, Prof. Buggs, T. W. Saul 1910, Hadden, J. T. Finnie 1909, Pietro, S. Altamarino 1909.
The men provisionally picked for the chorus are: W. G. Harrington, 1910, C. R. Jones 1907, C. W. Hubbard 1909, H. F. Dolliver 1911, A. L. Fabens 1911, E. Q. Adams 1909, C. D. Dunlop 1910, H. J. Baker 1911, J. E. Cole 1910, E. R. Hall 1911, N. Ransohoff 1910, L. O. Mills 1910, G. M. Gadsby 1911, C. Edwards 1911, H. P. Wasserboehr 1910, K. W. Faunce 1911, A. B. Morrill 1909, C. F. Hobson 1911, D. R. Stevens 1911, E. L. Warren 1908.
H. S. Gott 1910, and E. Newhall 1910 are rehearsing with the principals but have not as yet been assigned to parts.

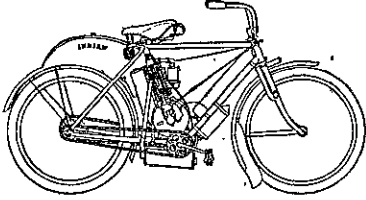
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very interesting talk given by Mr. Benjamin Bullard 1908.
Mr. E. A. Kilburn 1908 gave a graphic description of a breakdown in the electrical plant of a Connecticut town, and how the plant was finally put in running order.
"The Requirements of a Student Entering the Electrical Department of the University of Copenhagen, Denmark," was the subject of Mr. V. E. Bird 1908.

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"Engineering works which should contribute to the welfare of man along sanitary lines naturally followed the development of sanitary biology, and especially the studies of the origin of disease to which reference has been made.

"Engineering works, although structural in character, are in the last analysis functional in purpose. And if I predict, as I do unhesitatingly, that the great work of the twentieth century is to be physiological or functional, I am in fact predicting a vast development of engineering, that is to say of the application of the ideas of the nineteenth century to the welfare of man in the twentieth.

"Now, as I have already said, discovery of the origin of disease was one of the greatest phenomena at the end of the nineteenth century and as applications of science always follow hard on the heels of discovery, I do not hesitate to predict a great development of sanitary biology and sanitary engineering in the next fifty years.

"We have already stepped over the threshold and entered well into the twentieth century, and in the seven years that have gone by anyone who watches the signs of the times can see that we are turning away from the studies of origins to studies of functions and the like which we call in scientific language studies of physiology, and, in untechnical language, studies of behavior or action, reaction and interaction.

"The behavior of bacteria, the behavior of the larger microscopical organism, the behavior of mankind as individuals and as nations, our reactions to climate, reactions to poverty and wealth, reactions to industry and idleness, reactions to polluted water, to smoke, to sunlight, to darkness, these are some of the problems which are today beginning to absorb the attention of mankind as never before.

"At last the shoemaker's children seem likely to get shoes. It is no longer enough merely to live. We want them

to live well, to live usefully, to live effectively, to live intelligently, to live happily, and here is the field for the biologists and sanitary engineers in the twentieth century.

"To teach mankind first how to live at all and then how to live well. To nourish the races of the earth by means of scientific agriculture and perhaps some day by manufactured foods. To teach intemperance in all things even in well-doing. To ward off infection by the arts of engineering. To care for the sick, the poor and the heavy laden through hospitals and organized yet not de-humanized charity."

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who deliberately steals a book and one who falls into theft because he chose to be dishonorable in the first place is a thing which I do not attempt to determine. The effect upon the library, it is to be noted, is the same in either case.

That some men admitted to the Library are deliberately vicious is unfortunately proved by the fact that some books have been mutilated by the cutting out of poems or pictures. If detected in this outrage a man would of course be expelled; and if such a thing as the cutting of a book or a magazine were known to the students, they could hardly fail in self-respect, to send the offender to Coventry so that he would be glad to take himself away. When one thinks of a man's cutting books in some sneaking corner, it is difficult to keep out of mind the fact that the punishment of flogging still exists in some communities!

With all but the smallest number of students, however, it should be sufficient to call their attention to what their carelessness and lawlessness means in this matter. It is surely not to be supposed that boys who are receiving at the Institute instruction and benefits which in actual hard cash costs much more than they pay for, could consciously indulge in a spirit so ungenerous and so dishonorable as is indicated by ill treatment of the library; and I have written this in the hope that it may lead to the return of books now missing and to an arousing of a realization of a sense of what is due from the student in return for the trust which is reposed in him.

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4.00 P. M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
4.15 P. M. Glee Club Rehearsal in Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.
4.15 P. M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
8.00 P. M. Basketball. Tech vs. Dartmouth and 1910 vs. 1911 at the Gym.

Saturday, February 22.

Exercises of the Institute suspended for the Day.
9.00 A. M. Show Rehearsal at the Union.
Monday, February 24.
1.00 P. M. 1910 Class Meeting in Huntington Hall.
7.45 P. M. M. A. H. S. Club Meeting at the Union.

FACULTY NOTICE.

THIRD YEAR NAVAL ARCHITECTURE.—The hour on Tuesday is changed to 12 o'clock.

NOTICES.

1910.—Class meeting in Huntington Hall at 1 P. M. Monday.

M. A. H. S. CLUB.—The next meeting of the Mechanic Arts High School Club will be held at the Union Monday evening at 7.45. Prof. D. C. Jackson will speak. Tickets 25 cents.

The twenty-first anniversary of the class of 1877, M. I. T. will be held next Wednesday, at 6.30 P. M. at the Technology Club. Members are urged to attend and are requested to send news and photographs to the Secretary for a new class directory as soon as possible.

CHURCH OF THE DISCIPLES.—An instructive Civic Address, "In Prison Ye Visited Me," by Mrs. Clara Bancroft Bentley, will be well worth attending at the Church of the Disciples, Fenway, this Sunday at four. The musical program has been made especially attractive. All are cordially welcome.

TECHNOLOGY CLUB.—The eighth evening of the season will be held Tuesday, at the clubhouse. Mrs. Mabel J. Todd, who accompanied the Lowell Expedition to South America in 1907, will speak on "The Latest News from Mars." Members are privileged to bring ladies by ticket only, to be applied for before Feb. 22.

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